The Examiner contends that the inventions of the above Groups (and species) are patentably distinct, each from the other.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to a peptide, classified in class 530, subclass 11. Further, Applicants hereby elect as the species the cyclic peptide having the amino acid sequence CNSNQIC. Claims readable on the elected species within elected Group I are believed to be claims 1-4. Claims 1 and 2 are generic.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.

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